

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with H. Wayne Porter on 7/2/08.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1

(b) prior to step (c), validating and storing a returned certificate corresponding to one of the one or more remotely-located devices so as to create a trust relationship with that remotely-located device, wherein said validating and storing includes requiring input of multiple characters from a user of the wireless device; , wherein the multiple characters are a portion of an identifier for the certificate corresponding to one of the one or more remotely-located devices;

Claim 25

(b) prior to step (c), validating and storing a returned certificate corresponding to one of the one or more remotely-located devices so as to create a trust relationship with that remotely-located device, wherein said validating and storing includes requiring input of multiple characters from a user of the wireless device; , wherein the multiple

characters are a portion of an identifier for the certificate corresponding to one of the one or more remotely-located devices;

Claims 50 and 52 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. This office action is in response to the communication dated 4/30/2008 with the amendments to claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14-16, 23, 25-27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 38-40, 47, 50 and 52 and the cancellation of claims 22, 46, 48-49 and 51.
4. The Miscellaneous Statement Concerning Claims of Copending Application has been considered however there is no double patenting issue is raised.
5. Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 10-21, 23-27, 29, 32, 34-45 and 47 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to securely accessing a remote server or other device via a publicly accessible communication network. Virtual private networks (VPNs) have been implemented to assist computer users when remotely accessing a computer over a publicly accessible network. According to the invention, the deployment of VPN client security policies, profiles and certificates to large numbers of authorized remote access users is easily facilitated. This is especially important when the remote users access a corporate (or other entity) computer via mobile handheld devices, because these small mobile devices are easily lost, have limited capabilities by comparison to a PC or laptop computer, so the ease of deployment is critical (Spec:

0006). In particular, the present invention with the recited unique features of validating and storing a returned certificates includes requiring input of multiple characters from a user of the wireless device, wherein the multiple characters are a portion of an identifier for the certificate corresponding to one of the one or more remotely located devices (claims 1 and 25). The closest prior arts fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dieu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3873.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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